

## Academy for Educational Development

### **Teachers for a New Era**

#### ***Goal Area of the Activity***

The AED National Institute of Work and Learning (NIWL) worked with the Carnegie Corporation of New York and other funders to plan and implement the Teachers for a New Era program to improve teacher quality through developing new teacher education programs at selected colleges and universities.

#### ***Brief Summary***

AED collaborated with Carnegie Corporation of New York and other funders in undertaking an ambitious reform initiative, Teachers for a New Era, to stimulate construction of excellent teacher education programs at selected colleges and universities. AED researched the institutions' projects and needs in order to develop a well-supported, widely adopted, fully integrated approach for preparing students in higher education to earn credentials enabling them to begin careers as teachers. AED's activities include: reviewing documents; gathering information through site visits; meeting with grantees; creating design for technical assistance and capacity building; establishing technology networks.

#### ***Purpose***

At the conclusion of the project, the selected institutions will be regarded by the nation as administering the best programs possible for the standard primary route to employment as a beginning professional teacher.

#### ***Accomplishments/Results***

The National Institute of Work and Learning (NIWL) at AED, working closely with Carnegie Corporation officials, laid a solid foundation for a full menu of technical assistance, capacity building, and support activities that were provided to postsecondary institutions participating in the Teachers for a New Era project. The project implemented changes in the allocation of resources, academic organization, criteria for evaluating participating faculty, internal accountability measures, and relationships with practicing schools.

#### ***Plans for the Next 12 Months***

Within the next year, AED will finalize the plan's design for technical assistance and capacity building.